

Suyalatu

ON SOME GENERALIZATION OF LOCAL UNIFORM  
SMOOTHNESS AND DUAL CONCEPTS

**Abstract.** In this paper, the conception of local  $k$ -uniform smoothness ( $LkUS$ ) is introduced on the base of the concept of  $k$ -uniform smoothness that introduced by Suyalatu and Wu Congxin. It is proved that the local  $k$ -uniform smoothness and Sullivan's local  $k$ -uniform rotundity ( $LkUR$ ) are the dual notions.  $X$  is a  $LkUS$  space, then  $X$  is a  $L(k+1)US$  space. However, the converse need not be true. In addition, we also obtain two important results about  $LkUS$  space.

Throughout this paper,  $X$  will denote a real Banach space and  $X^*$  will denote its conjugate space. Set  $S(X) \equiv \{x : x \in X, \|x\| = 1\}$ ,  $U(X) \equiv \{x : x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1\}$ ,  $S_x \equiv \{x^* : x^* \in S(X^*), x^*(x) = 1\}$ ,  $x \in S(X)$ . Wu Congxin and Li Yongjin defined the notion of local uniform smoothness in [1], which is the dual notion of local uniform convexity introduced by Lovaglia in [2]. In this paper, we introduce the notion of locally  $k$ -uniformly smooth space ( $LkUS$ ), which is the extension of notion of locally uniformly smooth space and dual of locally  $k$ -uniformly rotund space that introduced by Sullivan in [3].

In [3], Sullivan defined the  $k$ -uniformly rotund space. By "fixing" one variable he defined the notion of a locally  $k$ -uniformly rotund space.  $k$ -uniformly rotund space is dual notion of  $k$ -uniformly smooth space that introduced by us in [4]. Corresponding to the  $k$ -uniformly smooth space, by "fixing" one variable we can define the notion of a locally  $k$ -uniformly smooth space.

**DEFINITION 1** [3]. A Banach space  $X$  is said to be a  $LkUR$  space if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in S(X)$ , there is a  $\delta = \delta(x, \epsilon) > 0$  such that for  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in S(X)$ ,

---

1991 *Mathematics Subject Classification*: 46B09.

*Key words and phrases*:  $LkUR$  space,  $LkUS$  space,  $LkS$  space,  $CLkS$  space.

This work was supported by the Natural Science Foundation of Inner Mongolia, 1999.

if  $\|x + x_1 + \dots + x_k\| > (k + 1) - \delta$ , then

$$A(x, x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

$$= \sup \left\{ \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_1^*(x) & x_1^*(x_1) & \dots & x_1^*(x_k) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_k^*(x) & x_k^*(x_1) & \dots & x_k^*(x_k) \end{array} \right| : x_1^*, \dots, x_k^* \in S(X^*) \right\} < \epsilon.$$

DEFINITION 2 [4]. A Banach space  $X$  is said to be a  $k$ -uniformly smooth space if for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that for  $x_1^*, \dots, x_{k+1}^* \in S(X^*)$ , if  $\|x_1^* + \dots + x_{k+1}^*\| > (k + 1) - \delta$ , then

$$B(x_1^*, \dots, x_{k+1}^*)$$

$$= \sup \left\{ \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_1^*(x_1) & x_2^*(x_1) & \dots & x_{k+1}^*(x_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_1^*(x_k) & x_2^*(x_k) & \dots & x_{k+1}^*(x_k) \end{array} \right| : x_1, \dots, x_k \in S(X) \right\} < \epsilon.$$

By “fixing” one variable we define the notion of locally  $k$ -uniformly smooth space ( $LkUS$ ). i.e. The definition of  $LkUS$  is as follows:

DEFINITION 3. A Banach space  $X$  is said to be a  $LkUS$  space if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in S(X)$ ,  $x^* \in S_x$ , there is a  $\delta = \delta(x, x^*, \epsilon) > 0$  such that for  $x_1^*, \dots, x_k^* \in S(X^*)$ , if  $\|x^* + x_1^* + \dots + x_k^*\| > (k + 1) - \delta$ , then  $B(x^*, x_1^*, \dots, x_k^*) < \epsilon$ .

THEOREM 1 (Dual Theorem):

- (a) If  $X^*$  is  $LkUS$  space, then  $X$  is  $LkUR$  space,
- (b) If  $X^*$  is  $LkUR$  space, then  $X$  is  $LkUS$  space.

Proof. (a) If for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in S(X)$ , there is a  $\delta = \delta(x, \epsilon) > 0$  such that for  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in S(X)$ , if  $\|x + x_1 + \dots + x_k\| > (k + 1) - \delta$ , then, by Hahn-Banach Theorem, we can choose  $x^* \in S(X^*)$  such that  $x^*(x) = 1$ , so  $x(x^*) = 1$  and  $x \in S_{x^*}$ ,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in S(X^{**})$ . Choose  $\delta'(x^*, x, \epsilon) = \delta > 0$ , then  $\|x + x_1 + \dots + x_k\| > (k + 1) - \delta'$ . By the assumption that  $X^*$  is  $LkUS$ , we have  $B(x, x_1, \dots, x_k) < \epsilon$ , hence  $A(x, x_1, \dots, x_k) = B(x^*, x_1^*, \dots, x_k^*) < \epsilon$ . This shows that  $X$  is  $LkUR$  space.

(b) If for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in S(X)$ ,  $x^* \in S_x$ , there is a  $\delta = \delta(x, x^*, \epsilon) > 0$  such that for  $x_1^*, \dots, x_k^* \in S(X^*)$ , if  $\|x^* + x_1^* + \dots + x_k^*\| > (k + 1) - \delta$ , then we can choose  $\delta'(x^*, \epsilon) = \delta > 0$ , such that  $\|x^* + x_1^* + \dots + x_k^*\| > (k + 1) - \delta'$ . By the assumption that  $X^*$  is  $LkUR$ , we have  $A(x^*, x_1^*, \dots, x_k^*) < \epsilon$ . Since, for any  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in S(X)$ , we have  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in S(X^{**})$ , hence  $B(x^*, x_1^*, \dots, x_k^*) \leq A(x^*, x_1^*, \dots, x_k^*) < \epsilon$ . This shows that  $X$  is  $LkUS$  space.

Theorem 1 shows that  $LkUR$  and  $LkUS$  are dual notions.

COROLLARY 1 [1].

- (a) If  $X^*$  is  $L1US$  space, then  $X$  is  $L1UR$  space,
- (b) If  $X^*$  is  $L1UR$  space, then  $X$  is  $L1US$  space.

In fact, the  $L1UR$  and  $L1US$  space are, clearly, nothing else but the usual  $LUR[2]$  and  $LUS[1]$  space, resp. Hence, the  $LkUS$  space is a generalization of the locally smooth space.

DEFINITION 4 [5]. A Banach space  $X$  is said to be a  $k$ -strictly convex if and only if for any  $(k+1)$  elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k+1}$  of  $S(X)$  with  $\|\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} x_i\| = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \|x_i\|$  implies that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k+1}$  are linearly dependent.

DEFINITION 5 [4]. A Banach space  $X$  is said to be a  $k$ -smooth space if and only if for any  $x \in S(X)$ ,  $\dim S_x \leq k$ .

DEFINITION 6 [4]. A Banach space  $X$  is said to be a  $k$ -strongly smooth space if  $X$  is a  $k$ -smooth space. And for each  $x \in S(X)$ , if  $x_n^* \in S(X^*)$   $x_n^*(x) \rightarrow 1$ , then  $(x_n^*)$  is relatively compact.

LEMMA 1 [6]. If  $X^*$  is  $k$ -smooth space, then  $X$  is  $k$ -strictly convex space; if  $X^*$  is  $k$ -strictly convex space, then  $X$  is  $k$ -smooth space.

LEMMA 2. We have

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} & \dots & a_{1,k+2} \\ a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} & \dots & a_{2,k+2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{k,2} & a_{k,3} & \dots & a_{k,k+2} \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{j=2}^{k+2} (-1)^j \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,j-1} & a_{1,j+1} & \dots & a_{1,k+2} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,j-1} & a_{2,j+1} & \dots & a_{2,k+2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{k,1} & a_{k,2} & \dots & a_{k,j-1} & a_{k,j+1} & \dots & a_{k,k+2} \end{vmatrix}.$$

Proof. Consider the determinant (this determinant is equal to zero)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,k+2} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,k+2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{k,1} & a_{k,2} & \dots & a_{k,k+2} \end{vmatrix}.$$

Expanding in minors along the first row, we obtain the desired result.

In [4], we have proved that  $k$ -uniformly smooth space implies  $k$ -strongly smooth space (Theorem 4 in [4]). Using the similar method which is used in proof of Theorem 4 in [4], we can prove the following lemma.

**LEMMA 3.** *If  $X$  is a locally  $k$ -uniformly smooth space, then  $X$  is a  $k$ -strongly smooth space.*

**LEMMA 4** [7]. *Let  $(x_n)$  be a bounded sequence in  $X$  and  $\epsilon$  be a positive real number. If  $(x_n)$  has no finite  $\epsilon$ -net, then for any positive integers  $n_0, k$  and any  $x \in X$ , there exist  $n_1, \dots, n_k > n_0$ , such that  $d(x_{n_1}, \text{span}\{x\}) > \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  and  $d(x_{n_{i+1}}, \text{span}\{x, x_{n_1}, \dots, x_{n_i}\}) > \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .*

**THEOREM 2.** *If  $X$  is a  $LkUS$  space, then  $X$  is a  $L(k+1)US$  space.*

**Proof.** If  $X$  is a  $LkUS$  space, then for any  $\epsilon > 0, x \in S(X), x^* \in S_x$ , there is a  $\delta = \delta(x, x^*, \epsilon) > 0$  such that for  $x_1^*, \dots, x_k^* \in S(X^*)$ , if  $\|x^* + x_1^* + \dots + x_k^*\| > (k+1) - \delta$ , then

$$(*) \quad B(x^*, x_1^*, \dots, x_k^*) < \frac{\epsilon}{2(k+1)}.$$

Suppose  $x_1^*, \dots, x_{k+1}^* \in S(X^*)$  and  $\|x^* + x_1^* + \dots + x_{k+1}^*\| > (k+2) - \delta$ , then for each  $j$  we have  $\|x^* + x_1^* + \dots + x_{j-1}^* + x_{j+1}^* + \dots + x_{k+1}^*\| > (k+1) - \delta$ .

Using (\*), we can deduce

$$(**) \quad B(x^*, x_1^*, \dots, x_{j-1}^*, x_{j+1}^*, \dots, x_{k+1}^*) < \frac{\epsilon}{2(k+1)}.$$

By Lemma 2, we have

$$(***) \quad B(x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_{k+1}^*) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

Combining (\*\*) and (\*\*\*), we have

$$B(x^*, x_1^*, \dots, x_{k+1}^*) < \epsilon.$$

This completes the proof that  $X$  is a  $L(k+1)US$  space.

The converse to Theorem 2 is not true.

**EXAMPLE.** There exists an infinite-dimensional  $LkUS$  space  $X$  which is not  $L(k-1)US$  space.

Let  $k \geq 2$  be an integer, and let  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$ . For each  $x = (a_1, a_2, \dots) \in l_2$ , define

$$\|x\|_{i_1, \dots, i_k}^2 = \left( \sum_{j=1}^k |a_{ij}| \right)^2 + \sum_{i \neq i_1, \dots, i_k} a_i^2.$$

The space  $X_{i_1, \dots, i_k} = (l_2, \|\cdot\|_{i_1, \dots, i_k})$  is  $k$ -uniformly rotund space<sup>[8]</sup> and reflexive. Hence,  $X_{i_1, \dots, i_k}^{**}$  is  $k$ -uniformly rotund space. Obviously,  $X_{i_1, \dots, i_k}^{**}$

is  $LkUR$  space, by Theorem 1, we know that  $X_{i_1, \dots, i_k}^*$  is  $LkUS$  space. But,  $X_{i_1, \dots, i_k}^*$  is not  $L(k-1)US$  space. In fact, take  $e_{i_j} = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ ,  $j = i_j, 1, 2, \dots, k$ , then  $\|e_{i_j}\|_{i_1, \dots, i_k} = 1$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $\{e_{i_j}\}_{j=1}^k$  is linearly independent. But  $\|\sum_{j=1}^k e_{i_j}\|_{i_1, \dots, i_k} = k$ , this shows that  $X_{i_1, \dots, i_k}^*$  is not  $(k-1)$ -strictly convex space. By Lemma 1, we know that  $X_{i_1, \dots, i_k}^*$  is not  $(k-1)$ -smooth space. By Definition 6 and Lemma 3, we know that  $X_{i_1, \dots, i_k}^*$  is not  $L(k-1)US$  space.

**DEFINITION 7.** A Banach space  $X$  is said to be  $LkS$  (resp.  $CLkS$ ) if and only if for any  $x \in S(X)$ , if for any sequence  $(x_n^*)$  in  $U(X^*)$  and  $x^* \in S_x$ ,  $\lim_{n_1, \dots, n_k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^* + x_{n_1}^* + \dots + x_{n_k}^*\| = k+1$ , then  $\|x_n^* - x^*\| \rightarrow 0$  (resp.  $(x_n^*)$  is relatively compact).  $LkS$  (resp.  $CLkS$ ) and  $LkR$  [7] (resp.  $CLkR$ ) [9] are dual notions.

**THEOREM 3.** *If  $X$  is  $LkUS$  space, then  $X$  is  $CLkS$  space.*

**Proof.** Let  $x \in S(X)$ ,  $x^* \in S_x$ ,  $(x_n^*)$  be a sequence in  $U(X^*)$  and suppose

$$\lim_{n_1, \dots, n_k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^* + x_{n_1}^* + \dots + x_{n_k}^*\| = k+1.$$

We prove that  $(x_n^*)$  is relatively compact.

If  $(x_n^*)$  is not relatively compact in  $X^*$ , then  $(x_n^*)$  has no finite  $\epsilon_0$ -net, for some  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ . By Lemma 4, for any positive integer  $n_0$  and any  $x^* \in X^*$ , there exist  $n_1, \dots, n_k > n_0$ , such that  $d(x_{n_1}^*, \text{span}\{x^*\}) > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$  and  $d(x_{n_{i+1}}^*, \text{span}\{x^*, x_{n_1}^*, \dots, x_{n_i}^*\}) > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .

Therefore, there exist  $n_1^{(m)}, n_2^{(m)}, \dots, n_k^{(m)}$  such that  $n_i^{(m)} \rightarrow \infty$  and such that for any  $n_1^{(m)}, \dots, n_k^{(m)}$  we have  $d(x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*, \text{span}\{x^*\}) > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$  and  $d(x_{n_{i+1}^{(m)}}^*, \text{span}\{x^*, x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*, \dots, x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*\}) > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ . By Hahn-Banach Theorem, we choose  $x_{n_1^{(m)}}^{**}, x_{n_2^{(m)}}^{**}, \dots, x_{n_k^{(m)}}^{**} \in S(X^{**})$  such that  $x_{n_1^{(m)}}^{**}(x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*) > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ ,  $x_{n_1^{(m)}}^{**}(y^*) = 0$  for all  $y^* \in \text{span}\{x^*\}$  and  $x_{n_i^{(m)}}^{**}(x_{n_i^{(m)}}^*) > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ ,  $x_{n_i^{(m)}}^{**}(y^*) = 0$  for all  $y^* \in \text{span}\{x^*, x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*, \dots, x_{n_{i-1}^{(m)}}^*\}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, k$ . Then

$$A(x^*, x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*, \dots, x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*) > \left(\frac{\epsilon_0}{2}\right)^k > 0.$$

From the definition of  $A(x^*, x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*, \dots, x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*)$ , we know that there are  $G_1, \dots, G_k \in S(X^{**})$  such that

$$\left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ G_1(x^*) & G_1(x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*) & \dots & G_1(x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ G_k(x^*) & G_k(x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*) & \dots & G_k(x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*) \end{array} \right| \geq \left( \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \right)^k.$$

By Goldstine–Weston Theorem, there are  $(x_1^\alpha), (x_2^\alpha), \dots, (x_k^\alpha) \subset S(X)$  such that  $x_1^\alpha \xrightarrow{w^*} G_1, \dots, x_k^\alpha \xrightarrow{w^*} G_k$ . So we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup \left\{ \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x^*(x_1) & x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*(x_1) & \dots & x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*(x_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x^*(x_k) & x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*(x_k) & \dots & x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*(x_k) \end{array} \right| : x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in S(X) \right\} \\ & \geq \lim_{\alpha} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_1^\alpha(x^*) & x_1^\alpha(x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*) & \dots & x_1^\alpha(x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_k^\alpha(x^*) & x_k^\alpha(x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*) & \dots & x_k^\alpha(x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*) \end{array} \right| \\ & = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ G_1(x^*) & G_1(x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*) & \dots & G_1(x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ G_k(x^*) & G_k(x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*) & \dots & G_k(x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*) \end{array} \right| \\ & \geq \left( \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \right)^k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(\star) \quad B(x^*, x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*, \dots, x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*) \geq \left( \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \right)^k > 0.$$

On the other hand

$$\|x^* + x_{n_1^{(m)}}^* + \dots + x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*\| \rightarrow k+1, m \rightarrow \infty.$$

By the assumption that  $X$  is  $LkUS$  space, we have  $B(x^*, x_{n_1^{(m)}}^*, \dots, x_{n_k^{(m)}}^*) \rightarrow 0$ , ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ). This contradicts inequality  $(\star)$ , so  $(x_n^*)$  is relatively compact.

**THEOREM 4.** *If  $X$  is  $LkUS$  space and  $X^*$  is strictly convex space, then  $X$  is  $LkS$  space.*

Proof. Let  $x \in S(X)$ ,  $x^* \in S_x$ ,  $(x_n^*)$  be a sequence in  $U(X^*)$  and suppose

$$\lim_{n_1, \dots, n_k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^* + x_{n_1}^* + \dots + x_{n_k}^*\| = k + 1.$$

Since  $X$  is  $LkUS$  space, it follows from Theorem 3 that  $(x^*)$  is relatively compact in  $X^*$ . Consequently there exist  $y^* \in X^*$  and a subsequence  $(x_{n_j}^*)$  of  $(x_n^*)$  such that  $x_{n_j}^* \rightarrow y^*$ , obviously  $y^* \in S(X^*)$ .

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} k + 1 &= \lim_{n_1, \dots, n_k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^* + x_{n_1}^* + \dots + x_{n_k}^*\| \\ &= \lim_{n_1, \dots, n_k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| x^* + ky^* + \sum_{j=1}^k (x_{n_j}^* - y^*) \right\| \\ &\leq \|x^* + ky^*\| + \lim_{n_1, \dots, n_k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \|x_{n_j}^* - y^*\| \\ &\leq \|x^* + ky^*\| \leq k + 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\|x^* + ky^*\| = k + 1$ , hence  $\|x^* + y^*\| = 2$ . By the assumption that  $X^*$  is strictly convex space, we have  $x^* = y^*$ . Hence  $x_{n_j}^* \rightarrow x^*$ . This shows that  $X$  is  $LkS$  space.

**Acknowledgements.** I wish to thank Professor Wu Congxin for his kind instruction and the referee for valuable suggestions which helped to improve the paper.

### References

- [1] C. X. Wu and Y. J. Li, *Strong convexity in Banach spaces*, Chinese J. Math., (13) (1993), 105–108.
- [2] A. R. Lovaglia, *Locally uniformly convex Banach spaces*, Trans. Amer. Soc., 78 (1955), 225–238.
- [3] F. Sullivan, *A generalization of uniformly rotund Banach spaces*, Canad. J. Math., 31 (1979), 628–636.
- [4] Suyalatu and C. X. Wu, *k-uniformly rotund spaces and k-uniformly smooth spaces*, Chinese Sci. Bull., 2 (43) (1998), 92–95.
- [5] I. Singer, *On the set of best approximation of an element in a normed linear space*, Rev. Roumaine Math. Pures Appl., 5 (1960), 383–402.
- [6] C. X. Nan and J. H. Wang, *k-strict convexity and k-smoothness*, Chinese Ann., (in Chinese). (Series A), 3 (1990), 321–324.
- [7] C. X. Nan and J. H. Wang, *On the LkUR and LkR spaces*, Math. Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc., 104 (1988), 521–526.

- [8] B. L. Lin and X. T. Yu, *On the  $k$ -uniform rotund and the fully convex Banach spaces*, J. Math. Anal. Appl., 2 (1985), 407–410.
- [9] J. H. Wang, *Some results on the continuity of matrix projection*, Chinese Math. Appl., 8 (1)(1995), 80–84.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
INNER MONGOLIA NORMAL UNIVERSITY  
010022 HUHHOT, INNER MONGOLIA, P.R. CHINA

*Received December 15, 1998; revised version September 7, 1999.*